

## NOBEL PRIZE IS CONFERRED ON PRESIDENT

He Will Give the \$37,000  
to Establish Industrial  
Peace Committee.

CAPITAL AND LABOR  
BROUGHT TOGETHER

"To Strive for Better and More  
Equitable Relations Among  
My Countrymen Who Are  
Engaged in Industrial  
or Agricultural  
Pursuits"

CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY, December 10.—The Norwegian Parliament today conferred the Nobel Peace prize upon President Roosevelt in recognition of his work in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan.

The American minister, Mr. Pelrose, in an eloquent speech, thanked Parliament in the President's name. He said that words were inadequate to express the deep emotion which he experienced at receiving this distinguished testimonial in behalf of the President, who recently called that he regarded this prize as one of the greatest honors which any man in any position throughout the world could receive. The award, Mr. Pelrose added, would appeal to the hearts of the American people.

Mr. Pelrose was directed by the President to read a message to the Storting from him, extending his thanks for himself and on behalf of the people of the United States. The President says: "After much thought, I have concluded that the best and most fitting way to apply the amount of the prize is by using it as a foundation to establish at Washington a permanent industrial peace committee. The object will be to strive for better and more equitable relations among my countrymen who are engaged, either as capitalists or as wage-workers, in industrial or agricultural pursuits."

Official Notification.  
WASHINGTON, December 10.—Mr. C. Haug, the minister from Norway, called at the White House today and informed President Roosevelt that the Norwegian Parliament had conferred on him the Nobel Peace Prize at Christiania. The Norwegian official notification followed an unofficial notice to the President by the Associated Press a short time before. The Nobel Prize is said to be worth about \$50,000.

## HUNTS FOR EGGS, GETS BARN AFIRE

Lantern Turned Over and Oil  
Blazes—Engine Sparks Cause  
Granary to Burn.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 10.—The barn of Hugh D. Payne, in Prince William county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago from an unusual cause. Mr. Payne was hunting for eggs in the loft of his barn, and set his lantern down for a moment. A frightened hen over the contents of the lantern, and the oil started a blaze, which went beyond control. In a few moments, in addition to the building, the contents of hay, twenty barrels of corn, the harness, etc., were destroyed. No insurance loss heavy.

## SEEK WRIT OF ERROR TO SAVE MAN'S LIFE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 10.—Attorney James E. Clements left for Richmond this morning in an effort to get the Court of Appeals to grant a writ of error in the case of Joseph Thomas, alias John Wright, colored, sentenced to the penitentiary for a year for a crime of which he was acquitted. Unless this writ is granted Wright will expire his term on the scaffold on that day. The county officials have completed all arrangements for the hanging. The offense for which Wright was hanged, his life was committed September 28th last.

## CHINESE STUDENTS TO BE EDUCATED HERE

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The President had a call today from Charles D. Tenney, of Tien Tsin, China, the former president of the Chinese Educational commission of the United States. Mr. Tenney brought about forty young Chinese to the United States, who are studying at various universities and colleges in America. He will return to Tien Tsin for the purpose of bringing others to the United States for a similar purpose.

## AMBASSADRESS HAS VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Motor Cars of German and of  
Russian Embassies Crash Into  
Electric Car.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—Baroness Speck von Storkberg, wife of the German ambassador, today had a narrow escape when an electric car on Fourteenth Street crashed into her automobile. The impact tearing the front end of the motor car. The ambassador's wife was saved, an eye-witness stated, by a quick application of the brakes by the motorist.

Baroness Rosen, the Russian ambassador, had his big automobile touring car badly damaged to-night in a collision with an electric car at Seventeenth and I Streets, Northwest. The ambassador was waiting for his arrival to carry him to the house of Secretary Taft, and only the chauffeur was in the machine. The latter narrowly escaped.

## MR. AND MRS. STORER AND ARCHBISHOP IRELAND WHO FIGURE IN CONTROVERSY



## BELLAMY STORER MAKES COMMENTS

Says to Differ With President Is  
to Become a Scoundrel  
and Liar.

CONFIRMED BY LETTERS

Says President Told Archbishop  
Ireland That He Was Using  
Influence With Pope.

CINCINNATI, O., December 10.—Mr. Bellamy Storer, formerly United States Ambassador at Vienna, today gave to the Associated Press a statement in reply to the letter of President Roosevelt made public yesterday.

"There was no need of violent and insulting adjectives to show that the President dislikes me, and did not wish me to remain in the service, or to retire from it in any customary way," Mr. Storer says.

"While the past has shown that few men can get along with either the wishes or the memory of Mr. Roosevelt without at once becoming a scoundrel and a liar, I must make some comments on what he has given out at the White House.

"That anything was ever written to the President by my wife to the effect that Mr. Storer was a scoundrel and a liar, proper persons to be ambassadors is not to both of us. For both these distinguished men we have and have had nothing but respect and good will, personally and officially. And the only feeling possible is one of regret that both of them have been lost to the public service since Mr. Roosevelt was elected.

## Letter From President.

"As to Mr. Root, the press is full of statements that he might not be able to remain in the Cabinet on account of health and would be succeeded by General Porter, which would leave Paris vacant.

"I have a letter from the President in answer to what he said was written to my wife. It is a letter for him to be proud of from its full appreciation of the man and of his service to the country. I am proud of it, and also to show that my wife's letter, to which this was an answer, now spoken of only as a rumor, was considered differently by Mr. Roosevelt at the time it was received."

## Told Archbishop.

"The President also says: 'The assertion that I authorized him to make such a statement as he says he was authorized to make to the Pope is untrue. I gave him no such authorization.'

"He omits to note that he himself said to the Archbishop Ireland that he had written the letter to the Pope, which I had quoted. I was ready to submit with other letters, of what the President told Archbishop Ireland of his message through me to the Pope.



## KILLS MAN WHO PROWL IN YARD

Wounded Fellow Staggered to  
Church Burying-Grounds  
Dying Among Graves.

## BUTCHER KNIFE FOR WEAPON

John Henry Harrison Said to Be  
Jealous, Sends Samuel Haskins  
to Narrow Home.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, Va., December 10.—Almost in the shadow of the Christian Church at Crittenden, Va., twenty miles north of Suffolk, Samuel Haskins, about 11 o'clock last night, was stabbed to the heart by John Henry Harrison, Haskins, after receiving the death wound, ran some yards and fell dead in the church yard, a pocketknife still clenched in his right hand. The mortal wound was made with a long butcher knife, which was buried in his breast just above the heart.

## Jealousy, It Is Said.

The cause of the killing was supposed to have been jealousy. Shortly before the homicide Haskins was discovered prowling about Harrison's yard. Being hailed, he refused to respond, and Harrison first assaulted him with a wooden bar. Haskins, without ever explaining his presence, ran away, while Harrison secured the butcher knife, pursued and overtook him and stabbed him. As Officer W. Jasper called, who lives some miles from the scene, was on his way to make the arrest, he met Harrison, who was coming to give himself up. Acting Coroner C. F. Pinner this afternoon conducted the inquest. Harrison was held for murder, and to-night was jailed.

## EX-SENATOR BROWN IS BARELY ALIVE

Physicians Still Hopeful—Mrs.  
Bradley Will Be Charged  
With Murder

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The life of former United States Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, who was shot by Mrs. Annie M. Bradley in his hotel apartments here Saturday afternoon, to-night is hanging by a thread. Little hope for his recovery is held out by attendants at the Emergency Hospital, but his physician, Dr. W. P. Carr, still has some hope that his patient may survive.

Mrs. Bradley spent another restless day in her cell at the House of Detention and he only thought seems to be for the man whom she shot down.

Assistant District Attorney Given announced today that if Senator Brown is alive to-morrow I shall issue information against Mrs. Bradley for assault with intent to kill, and she will be given a preliminary hearing in Police Court at once. In the event of his (Senator Brown's) death, murder will be charged.

## COMMEND ACT OF PRESIDENT

Spanish War Veterans Endorse  
Dismissal of Brownsville  
Negro Rioters.

## SKIPWITH IS COMMANDER

Memorial to Congress Asking  
That Army Canteen Be  
Restored.

Fitz Lee Camp, No. 8, Spanish War Veterans, held its first annual meeting at Smithfield Hall last night; elected Captain George N. Skipwith, commander; commended the President for his action in connection with the Brownsville riots, and memorialized Congress to restore the army canteen.

The meeting was largely attended, and all the veterans manifested interest in its proceedings.

The following new members were initiated: George F. Shackelford, Kenneth J. Chalkley and Emanuel Oliver.

The report of the adjutant showed a membership of 102, and that of the quartermaster that all bills were paid, and a balance left in the treasury. The delegates to the national encampment reported that it had been decided to officially divide the Virginia veterans as to color lines, and to have the Department of Virginia, Negro, and the Department of Virginia.

Skipwith in Command.  
Captain George N. Skipwith in an appropriate little speech presented the name of Commander A. H. Sands for reelection, but the latter declined, and named Captain Skipwith, who was chosen by acclamation.

The other officers elected were: Senior Vice-Commander, R. L. Mansueto. Junior Vice-Commander, L. L. Chesnut.

## NORFOLK LAWYER TO BE PRESIDENT OF R., F. & P. ROAD

William Henry White Finally Agreed Upon After  
a Long Conference.

POSITION OFFERED  
TO HON. A. C. BRAXTON

Was Coupled With Provision,  
However, That Would Have  
Retired Him From Legal  
Practice—Fact That  
State Secured In-  
junction Known.

William H. White, of Norfolk, one of the leading lawyers of Tidewater Virginia, will today be elected president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad by the stockholders of that company, in their annual meeting in this city.

This result was assured by the conference at the Capital yesterday of representatives of the State's interest in the railroad property and the six railroads composing the holding company, which owns a majority of the stock. The selection of Mr. White came after the position had been practically offered and declined by several others, or after they had refused to permit their names to be presented. It need hardly be added that the action of the joint conference will be ratified to-day by the formal election of Mr. White.

History of Case.  
In the instance of the State's proxies upon the selection of some other person than a representative of the Pennsylvania Railroad and its successful stand in this position, the Governor and those who united with him in this demand, feel that they have gained a substantial victory.

Nearly a month ago, after the selection of Mr. J. G. Rodgers, of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad as successor to Judge William J. Leake, resigned, was announced by the railroads composing the holding company, which owns fifty-two per cent of the stock of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, and therefore controlled the situation. Somehow, by the oversight of some one, the Virginia interests in the railroad were not consulted, and apparently were completely ignored.

Such action aroused a storm of protest, not to say resentment from the State's representatives, Governor Swanson being outspoken in condemning the action of the majority interests. He and his associates openly charged that in the selection of an official of a competing line, dominated by the Pennsylvania, that great railroad system was seeking to divert traffic from the road in favor of other lines in which the Pennsylvania had a larger interest or a longer haul. It was also intimated that the majority interests in the matter, if they chose to do so, operate the line in such a way as to depreciate its securities and thereby enable the Pennsylvania to buy up its stock and strengthen its hold upon this important railway link.

As soon as the alarm had been sounded the representatives of the State's interest in the property became active. The Governor and his associates felt that he had been offered an affront by the holding company in being thus ignored. Communal, as at once established between the Governor and Mr. Rodgers, vice-president of the Pennsylvania system, and its representative in the holding company, and as a result a conference was arranged to be held at the Capitol between the opposing interests. That conference, after hearing plans submitted from both sides, adjourned until December 10th, in order that the railway representatives present might confer with their associates in the directory of the holding company, and acquaint them with the State's attitude in the matter. That day, in brief, the history of the negotiations leading up to yesterday's decisive and, from the State's viewpoint, at least satisfactory conference.

Had Injunction Ready.  
One of the startling phases of this initial conference, between the representatives of the State and the holding company, looked out yesterday, having been guarded with remarkable secrecy. It is this:

The State, through its proxies, had actually secured from Circuit Judge H. Carter not a temporary injunction restraining the holding company from carrying out its intentions and electing as president the man first selected for the place. This rumor was verified and the story corroborated last night by the disclosure of the State's position, and one in a position to know. It was affirmed as a fact and not as a mere report.

This injunction would have been in force at the first conference, which was also the day for the stockholders' meeting and election of officers, had the dominant interests in the railroad property been ready to yield to the State's demands.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10.—Miss Mary McAtee to-day shot and probably fatally wounded her father, Rev. John Quincy McAtee, a Lutheran minister, at their home here. The shooting, according to police officials, followed a quarrel between Rev. McAtee and his wife, in which the minister, it was asserted, was trying to throw Mrs. McAtee down the cellar stairs. The daughter rushed downstairs with a revolver in her hand and fired three shots at her father, two of which took effect.

Mrs. McAtee and the daughter told the police that the husband and father had been drinking lately, and had been quarreling, and caused much trouble. Mother, daughter and a colored servant were arrested.



WILLIAM HENRY WHITE,  
Norfolk man, who will be elected president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway to-day.

## NEGRO TROOPS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Senator Culberson Asks  
If Troopers Had Engaged  
in Previous Riot.

## LODGE DISCUSSES CONGO FREE STATE

Senate Promises Cordial Support  
to Any Measure to Redress  
Evils There—Discussion  
Caused by Stories Re-  
garding King of  
Belgium.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—At the instance of Senator Culberson, the Senate today agreed to a resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate information as to whether the three companies of negro troops of the Twenty-fifth Infantry had ever been involved in any riot, raid or other disturbance prior to the Brownsville, Tex., affair of last August. Full details are asked, Senator Lodge introduced a resolution relative to the Congo Free State. It resolves that in the opinion of the Senate the time has come when the affairs of the Congo Free State should be made the subject of international inquiry.

The Secretary advised that in any step he may deem it wise to take in cooperation with or in aid of any of the powers signatories of the treaty of Berlin, which shall seek to ameliorate the conditions of the Congo Free State, and redress any evils now existing there, he will receive the Senate's cordial support. Senator Mallory introduced a resolution requesting information as to the status of the schooner Siles Staratus, seized by the Mexican authorities.

More than a hundred private pension bills were placed on the calendar with favorable reports; a few private relief bills were passed and the consideration of a child labor bill for the District of Columbia was begun.

## MEMBERS DISCUSS PHONETIC SPELLING

Randell, of Texas, After Legis-  
lator Serving Public Service  
Corporations.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The House today began consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. No efforts were made to limit the time for general debate on the bill. The debate of the Republican leaders being to keep the bill before the House until adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

Shuffled spelling had the attention of the House for an hour or more, the paragraph in the bill fixing the orthographic standard in some recognized authority furnishing Mr. Clark, of Missouri, Mr. Gillette, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, an opportunity to express themselves on the merits of the relative to the modified spelling of 30 words in common use.

Representative Gillette declared that 30 words advocated to the President was a very modest reform, and in his view reform in progress in newspapers and magazines. Mr. Clark, of Missouri, humorously estimated that it would take 80 years to retoken the English language by adopting 30 words a year. He thought the reform was futile, and suggested that he would make only one life of the cherry and adopt the present way of spelling, and the shortening system of writing.